168 a child were introduced by the State and local self governments. Working mothers received a paid vacation for four weeks before and six weeks after the birth of the child. These measures helped to increase the birth rate to a certain extent but not sufficiently. Economic difficulties immediately after World War I, the depression at the beginning of the 1930's, and the approaching thunder in the political skies of Europe played their part in keeping the birth rate low.

855 [586] A family environment was considered best for growing children, and since the divorce rate was not high in Estonia, the great majority of children received parental love and care. [736] Children's homes, usually run by local governments, were established for children from broken homes.

000 The parents normally enjoyed prestige in the